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SUBJECT: UNESCO FUNDS FOR NATCOM PROGRAM REQUEST

1. US NATCOM REQUESTS PERMDEL ADVISE ASAP STATUS OF NATCOM PROGRAM GRANT REQUESTS RE CHILD DEVELOPMENT, WORLD POPULATION NEWS SERVICE, AND MENTAL RETARDATION CONFERENCE.

2. US NATCOM EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MET WITH UNFPA OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK ON WORLD POPULATION NEWS SERVICE. BASED ON THOSE DISCUSSIONS, EMPHASES SHOULD BE PLACED ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF NEWS SERVICE IN LATIN AMERICA AND AFRICA. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT APPROXIMATELY 3.1 MILLION DOLLARS HAS BEEN APPROVED BY UNFPA FOR UNESCO POPULATION WORK. US NATCOM PROPOSAL INVOLVING 38 OTHER NATCOMS IS GOOD USE OF PORTION OF THESE FUNDS AS OUTLINED IN PROPOSAL GIVEN TO FOBES.

3. US NATCOM HAS LEARNED THAT SEVERAL PRIVATE AS WELL AS GOVERNMENTAL PEOPLE HAVE APPROACHED BILL STAPP, DIRECTOR, UNESCO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM, REQUESTING UNESCO FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS IN U.S. BECAUSE OF EXTENSIVE INVOLVEMENT OF NATCOM IN ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION ON THESE PROGRAM REQUESTS. STAPP SHOULD KNOW THAT US NATCOM HAS SEVERED ASSOCIATION WITH

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